

The Alexandria Gazette

TUESDAY EVENING, AUGUST 23.

The Washington Chronicle arguing that slavery and the doctrine of State Sovereignty are the main causes of the war, thinks that "it would be wise as well as economical on the part of the Federal Government to go to the very verge of liberality in its offers of terms to the rebels," and it says that as "no section or party can claim to have clean hands, or will be justified by history in assuming a pharisaical exemption from responsibility for the rebellion and the war," as "the rebels have arms in their hands, and are able to keep the field we know not how long," and though the Confederate armies may be destroyed, their cities and fields laid waste, and the people left helpless, yet to accomplish this it would cost the Federal government another thousand millions of money and many thousand of lives, therefore "Economy, no less than humanity calls upon us to inquire whether the contest may not be abbreviated and the ends of peace and union be attained by other means than the sword."

The National Democratic Committee, which met at Saratoga yesterday, determined to promote entire harmony in the deliberation of the Chicago Convention, to solicit the National Committee, to unite in inviting Horatio Seymour, Governor of New York, to call the convention to order. Also, to ask their cooperation in soliciting Right Reverend Bishop Hopkins, of Vermont, to open the convention with prayer. The committee also suggest that the Chicago Convention devote its energies to the adoption of such measures as will best secure the defeat of President Lincoln.

A RIOT and lynching affair took place yesterday, near Beltsville, Md., between two parties of U. S. soldiers. As a train of cars from Washington for Harper's Ferry passed, the soldiers in the cars and those on duty at Beltsville commenced a quarrel, then a fight occurred, and one soldier on the cars was killed and another wounded by a musket discharged by Sergeant Porter of the Veteran Reserve Corps. The soldiers on the cars then rushed out, seized Porter, took him to a tree, and killed him with their bayonets.

Sheridan, since his retreat has been acting entirely on the defensive. The Confederates occupy Martinsburg and hold complete possession of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad from that point to within a few miles of Harper's Ferry. It is said that for several days past Sheridan has been expecting an attack, as movements on the part of Gen. Early were supposed to indicate such an intention.

Surgeon Charles Page, who has been in charge of the 1st Division U. S. Hospitals, in this place, for the past two years, has been ordered to report to the Chief Medical Director of the Army of the Potomac.

It is stated that several young men of this place have recently enlisted in the Confederate service and took their departure South two weeks since.

Two Courts Martial for the trial of military offences are now in session in this place.

The installation of Archbishop McCloskey took place on Sunday, in St. Patrick's Cathedral, New York and was attended with great splendor and magnificence. From letters written at Rome the Courier des Etats Unis learns that Pius IX. intends to elevate the new Archbishop to the rank of Cardinal.

The Federal movement north of James River has been suspended, if not abandoned altogether, only one corps—the tenth—remaining on that side of the stream, at Deep Bottom, where it is strongly entrenched and protected by gunboats.

A telegram from Clarksville, Tennessee, reports that some three hundred guerillas, under Woodward, attacked the town of Hopkinsville, Kentucky, on Friday morning and were repulsed. Woodward, it is said, was mortally wounded and taken prisoner.

It is reported that the Tallahassee is the pioneer ship of a number of the same description which are being fitted out at Wilmington, N. C. It is stated some are quite ready for sea, and others will soon be heard from. The Tallahassee was seen yesterday off Canso, N. S., sailing North.

Paper-stock dealers pay eight cents a pound for old newspapers in good condition; the material can be made over into white printing paper, and the greater the supply the less will be increase in the price of the new sheet.

The Czar of Russia, having crushed out the Polish rebellion and the Revolutionary Government about a year ago is now engaged in the work of hanging the leaders of the revolt.

Brevet Major General Jefferson C. Davis has been assigned to the command of the Fourteenth U. S. Army Corps, vice Maj. Gen. Palmer relieved at his own request.

Gen. Washburn has issued an order regulating the prices of provisions in Memphis, in consequence of the exorbitant prices demanded by dealers.

The Mobile papers of the 7th notice the arrival of the gunboat Morgan, with the loss of only one man; and having on board the crew of the gunboat Gaines.

About one thousand sick and wounded soldiers from the army operating on the James river, are reported to have reached Washington on Saturday night.

It is now said that the prospect of the opening of the coal trade, on the C. & O. Canal, this season, is regarded by the agents of the coal companies, as very unpromising.

Rev. A. C. Coxe, of New York, has been elected Assistant Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Western New York.

The late rains have caused accumulations of stagnant water, in several places about the city, which now require attention and removal.

General Averill has been promoted a Major General for his fight at Moorefield, and operations during the last month.

The price of coal, it is said, is declining in New York. It is selling there now at \$11 to \$12 per ton wholesale.

POSTSCRIPT!

FROM THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

The correspondent of the Northern "Associated Press," writes on Sunday that the Confederates on that morning made another assault on the Federal lines, on the left of the Weldon railroad, at the same place where they were partially successful on Friday last, but that they were compelled to fall back, the Federals having strengthened their earthworks.—In the assault Gen. Hagood, of the Confederate army is said to have fallen, and one colonel, three lieutenant-colonels and several captains and lieutenants together with 375 men are said to have been captured.

The Washington Star of this evening learns by the Vanderbilt from City Point, yesterday that "Warren was still warmly engaged with the Confederates, who are trying to dislodge him from his position on the Weldon road.—His position is so much strengthened as to be deemed impregnable. Information was received at City Point at 10 a. m. Sunday morning, that the Confederates had been shelling Warren's lines on the Weldon railroad since 3 a. m., and had driven in the pickets. In the evening information was received that between 3 o'clock in the morning and 4 o'clock in the afternoon the Confederates made two distinct and desperate assaults, in which, seemingly, their whole force was thrown upon the Federal line, but they were each time repulsed."

A special dispatch to the Washington Star of this evening, from Hagerstown, states that the Federals have again entered Martinsburg and hold that place. Considerable maneuvering is said to be going on between the two armies, and a general engagement may take place at any moment. The account says:—"Heavy and continuous cannonading has been heard here all the afternoon (Sunday) from the direction of Charlestown. No doubt a severe engagement took place to-day. We have no news up to the present time as to the result."

MARRIED.

In Washington, on the 27th instant, by the Rev. Mr. Ryan, CHARLES B. LEAKE, of Washington, D. C., to Miss AURELIA F. RISTON, of Alexandria, Va.

DIED.

On Thursday, the 18th, LEVIN P. WALKER, in the 34th year of his age.

Near Washington, on Sunday, the 21st inst., of typhoid fever, JAMES CARY, oldest son of James and Margaret Selden, aged 17 years.

On the 19th instant, after a brief but severe illness which he bore with Christian fortitude, Colonel JOHN H. KELLY, in the 67th year of his age.

NOTICE.

ALL persons indebted to the estate of W. P. QUISENBERRY dec'd., are requested to make early payment, and all creditors of said estate to present their accounts to the undersigned for settlement. ANDREW JAMIESON, Executor of W. P. Quisenberry, dec'd. aug 11—1m

TO TAX PAYERS.

NOTICE is hereby given to the TAX PAYERS of Alexandria City and County, that the State Tax is now due for the years 1861-'2-'3, and if not promptly paid property will be distrained for the collection of the same. S. N. GARWOOD, iy 27—tf Sheriff, Alexandria County.

WANTED.—A situation as COOK in a restaurant or as dining room waiter in a public house. Apply at No. 9, south Fairfax street. aug 20—3t*